



# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



I am delighted that our Bishop, The Right Reverend Anderson Jeremiah, will be coming to St. John's Church today to conduct the Holy Eucharist with Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion Service. We remembered in our prayers this morning the following pupils who we will be supporting on this spiritual journey:

***Ela, Emmanuel, Natalie, Presley, Vinny & Zenios***

Throughout this half-term we have been discussing the Eucharist during Collective Worship and Mother Mitzi has been running special classes for these pupils to prepare them for Holy Communion or Confirmation. This has helped this group of children to deepen their understanding of Christianity, and what it means to share in the sacraments of the church. We look forward to celebrating this special event with not only these children but their families, sponsors and the entire school community of St. John's School. Thank you to Mother Mitzi for all her support throughout this time, it has been such a pleasure working alongside Mother Mitzi in preparing the pupils for this very special occasion.

### **In memory of Catriona Fathers 29th November, 1996 – 4th April, 2003** **Catriona Fathers' Writing Competition**

Catriona Fathers was a pupil at St. John's School for a short time and sadly, when she was in Reception Class she was diagnosed with a Wilms tumour. Despite various different treatments that she underwent, she died when she was only six years old. Both the school and Catriona's parents have been very keen to work together in ensuring Catriona has a very special place at St. John's School.

Together with all the pupils at our school, we have included Catriona in our school prayer which is learnt off by heart by all pupils and said regularly during both class and school prayer time. We have also designated a special garden at the back of the hall in memory of Catriona. Every year the school runs a writing competition across the school in memory of Catriona and to celebrate her love of writing which she confidently showed both at home and in school. Mr. and Mrs. Fathers very generously provide book tokens for the winners in every year group which we are extremely grateful for.

This year's theme was centred around a shared book called 'Change Sings'. Each class got the opportunity to read this inspirational book, helping them to develop a love and understanding of poetry. Congratulations to this year's winners who are:

Arianna Yr.6 (Overall winner), Mariella (Yr.5), Mila (Yr.4), Elodie (Yr. 3), Lily (Yr.2), Ava (Yr.1) & Ysabel (Reception)

Lots of meetings and events will be taking place this term, please see date list for Spring Term 2025 on page 9.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing half-term!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Notley



### Week Beginning Monday 24 February 2025

#### **Monday**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 3.00-4.00pm Netball Club (KS2)  
 3.00-4.00pm Arts & Crafts (Recep, Sapphire Class)

#### **Tuesday**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 3.00-4.00pm Football Club (KS2)  
 3.00-4.00pm Yoga Club (Recep, Year 1, 2 & 3)

#### **Wednesday**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 During school Keyboard  
 During school Recorder  
 3.00-4.00pm Football (Recep, Sapphire Class)  
 3.00-4.00pm Choir Club (KS2 & Year 2)  
 3.00-4.00pm Pathways (KS2 & Year 2)

#### **Thursday**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 3.00-4.00pm Tennis Club (KS2)  
 3.00-4.00pm Activities Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)  
 3.00-4.00pm Jiu-Jitsu (KS2 & Year 2)

#### **Friday**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 8.00am Rugby Club (KS2)  
 2.30pm **Emerald Class meeting for School  
 Journey to Manor Adventure**

Please remember that any of these dates may alter because of changing circumstances.  
 On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.

#### **SPRING 2025**

Starts Tuesday 7 January  
 Half-term Monday 17 February to  
 Friday 21 February  
 Ends (1.00pm) Friday 4 April  
 INSET DAY Monday 6 January

#### **SUMMER 2025**

Starts Tuesday 22 April  
 Half-term Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May  
 Ends (1.00pm) Tuesday 22 July  
 INSET DAY Monday 30 June  
 Bank Hols Monday 5 May

# NOTICES

## Attendance for the week

**EMERALD CLASS** have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 24 February in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

### This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	88.8%
Sapphire	93.5%
Diamond	95.6%
Emerald	96.0%
Overall	93.5%



## ParentPay

- Please check that accounts are up to date
- Breakfast Club—ensure that this is in credit at the beginning of each week.

## Sports' News

The football team played in the finals of the Borough league winners on Tuesday evening. After a very tough semi-final against Wolfson Hillel, who have won numerous competitions across London, we came out second to a 7-5 score line. In the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> play off we unfortunately lost to 2 late goals 3-2 against St. Andrew's Southgate. Well done to Emmanuel who was named player of the matches. Thank you to all the parents for their continued support and we will now concentrate on the two cup competitions where we are in the quarter finals.

## Nursery Admissions Sept 2025

- Complete our supplementary forms, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary forms to the school office as soon as possible.
- Full time places available

# INFORMATION

## Absent Procedures

Please may we remind parents/carers of the following if your child is absent.

- Please telephone or email the school office on the morning your child is absent.
- On the return of your child's absence a letter with an explanation needs to be brought into school or you can email the school with the reasons.
- If your child is absent for more than 3 days then we do require medical evidence, otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence.

## Spare School Uniform Shop

Nearly new school uniform shop run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents. Any items required please send a text message to 07985 467 033, stating the item you require and size.

You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name 'Donation to St. John's'

## Breakfast Club

- Starts at 8.00am (please do not bring children any earlier, they will not be allowed in)
- Please ring the Breakfast Club bell
- If you require breakfast for your child, please ensure you are at school by 8.10am
- Breakfast Club account should always be in credit (either weekly, monthly or termly) £4.00 per day
- Any changes to the days your child is attending, please leave a message on the Breakfast Club line.
- If you would like to join Breakfast Club, please collect a form from the school office

## School Uniform

This can be purchased from Smiths Schoolwear, 223 Baker Street, EN1 3LA.

## RUBY CLASS

What a wonderful end to a busy and joyful half term! Our flower shop role-play has been in full bloom, with children using money to buy flowers, creating beautiful arrangements, and preparing for Valentine's Day. Through these activities, we've had heartfelt conversations about our loved ones, the special people in our lives, and the most important lesson Jesus taught us—to love one another.

In maths, we've been exploring weight and capacity through hands-on investigations. The children have been busy comparing, estimating, and measuring using balance scales, containers, and lots of water play! Their curiosity and problem-solving skills have really shone as they experimented with different materials to understand "heavier," "lighter," "full," and "empty."

We've also brought some of Jesus' stories to life through drama and discussion, deepening our understanding of His teachings. Excitement has been high as we explored our brand-new smartboard, using interactive phonics and maths resources and, of course, enjoying lots of Dough Disco to strengthen our fingers for writing.

This half term has flown by in a whirlwind of learning, laughter, and growth. We're so proud of how much the children have achieved and are sure they'll enjoy a well-earned rest. Wishing you all a wonderful break—we can't wait to see what Spring 2 brings! ❁

Miss Kelleher, Ms Dall'Aglio & Mrs Dall'Aglio [mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## SAPPHIRE CLASS

As the half term draws to a close, it is wonderful to see the children continue to flourish with progress and enthusiasm. We look forward to even more growth in the next term!

**English** – It has been truly inspiring to see the children bring the concept of 'change' to life through their enthusiastic, inspiring and skilful writing. As we move forward, we will now focus more on presentation and cohesion, ensuring their content is clear and well-organised. We continue to emphasise the importance of handwriting and spelling practice.

**Maths** – In maths, we have been learning about direction and orientation, exploring how to navigate and describe positions accurately. The children have shown great enthusiasm in understanding and applying these concepts focusing on key vocabulary such as clockwise and anticlockwise.

**Science** – We have been learning about 'Everyday Materials'. The children have explored how to identify, classify and describe materials such as wood, plastic, metal, glass and fabric, while also examining their characteristics, natural and manufactured sources.

**Religious Education** - The big question for this half term was, "How do Christians make and keep promises before God?" The children offered thoughtful and inspiring insights into how promises are upheld through both words and actions. They discovered that, for Christians, these promises are often maintained through significant rites such as baptism, weddings and prayers.

**PSHE**, we have been learning about goals and aims in life. The children shared their ambitions and discussed the challenges they might face along the way. They also reflected on how, by applying their values, they could overcome these obstacles and achieve their goals.

**Geography** - We have learned about the source and provenance of our food, exploring the different types of farming and how they provide us with essential resources, as well as gaining an understanding of the seas surrounding the UK as a major source of our food.

Ms Chebbi, Mrs. Hargate & Mrs. Hocyk [asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## DIAMOND CLASS

We have reached the end of yet another half term! We are officially half-way through the school year now. Diamond have made excellent progress and are really focused on their work.

In Maths, we have been investigating money. The children got to know how many coins we have in our currency and enjoyed playing some speedy recognition games with the coins that you can definitely play at home. We then started looking at adding the value of coins together and seeing how many different ways you could make £1. It is really important that children learn to understand money and build a good relationship with it so please sit down with your child and discuss their learning. The best way for children to understand money is by going shopping themselves. Over the half-term please encourage your child to use cash in a shop to help with their learning.

In English, we have started a new book called Cloud Tea Monkeys which is a story all about the history of tea. We have written a description of the monkeys in the tea plantation and focused on some grammar work on prepositions to tell us where specific objects or people were.

In Science, we have concluded our Sound unit by investigating whether certain materials help to reduce the noise of sound. We tested these using a data logger which was a new piece of equipment for us to try. We loved a video proving that your hearing range decreases as you get older. It can be found on YouTube and the children found it hilarious that I couldn't hear the sound straight away, but they could!

In Art, we have finished our clay sarcophagus sculptures by painting them. I have been really impressed with all children in this unit. The children have brought them home today and you should be very proud that they have made it all by themselves. We investigated lots of different sarcophagus to gain inspiration, even casting our minds back the ones we saw on our trip to the British Museum, so they are painted in colours that resemble Egypt at the time. They might not have a mummy in them but they would definitely make a fantastic trinket box!

Please have a lovely rest over half-term and hopefully we get some nicer Spring weather. MyMaths and Times Tables have been set as normal.

Miss Anderson & Miss Ozgen [lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## EMERALD CLASS

Another half-term completed, with the fast approaching SATS for year 6 just around the corner after Easter, we have completed another round of assessments. The children have performed really encouragingly but they all know there is room for improvement and what areas they need to work on.

In science this week we looked at how machines work and looked particularly at gears with the children making their own, which require a great deal of strength to cut through the cardboard.

In English, towards the end of the week, we focused on the upcoming debating competition which are reigning borough champions. I introduced both questions for debate, discussed the qualities required to work as a team and also slowly introduced a few tips on how to debate effectively. I'm sure you will agree that they can all put up a good argument for something they believe in!!

Please remember that those children selected for tag rugby have a friendly tournament on the first Monday afternoon after half-term. On that note please have a relaxing and peaceful break.

Mr Law & Mr Pople [joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

# St. John's C.E. Primary School

## Academic Year 2025-2026

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- = School days
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = weekends
- = Inset Day

**Autumn Term:** Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025  
*Half Term 27 October – 31 October*  
 Inset days Thursday 23 October, Friday 24 October Monday 3 November & Friday 28 November 2025

**Spring Term:** Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026  
*Half Term 16 February - 20 February*

**Summer Term:** Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026  
*Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May*  
 Inset day Monday 20 July 2026



## St. John's C.E. Primary School Spare School Uniform Shop

St. John's Primary School are proud to launch our school uniform shop with the aim of: preserving resources, eliminating waste and reducing our carbon emissions – all contributing to a more sustainable school and world.

We can't make this work without you! You can help by making your school uniform purchases from our nearly new school uniform shop. You can also help by donating any St. John's School uniform.

- For purchases, simply send a text message to 07985 467 033.
- Just state the item you require and size.

You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name, Donation to St. John's. Simple.

### All items are priced at only £2

Many items are brand new with tags, or nearly new; ready to be worn. Please enquire, it's quick, easy and can save you money.

Items in stock in various sizes:

PE Jacket / PE white polo / Blue School Jumper  
Blue School Cardigan / Grey School Pinafore / Grey School Skirt  
Grey School Trousers / St. John's Tie / St. John's Book Bag

The uniform shop is run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents. Proceeds from uniform sales will support St. John's School and pupils. We thank you for your continued support.



At  
St John's Church  
Strayfield Road  
9:00am  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

**Come  
And See**



At  
St Luke's Church  
10:00am  
Every **First Sunday** of the  
Month

**Come  
And See**

ENFIELD MUSIC SERVICE Parents are now able to renew and book music lessons and activities for Summer 2025 from the Music Store: <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore>



**MUSIC  
LESSONS  
FOR  
SUMMER  
2025**



**Book by Sunday 9th March**

St John's Primary School Enfield are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise free donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment. By adding the extension to your devices or downloading our apps, it will help to donate to our fund.

You can find our easyfundraising page at [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-johns-primary-school-enfield/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-johns-primary-school-enfield/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1)

Thank you so much in advance

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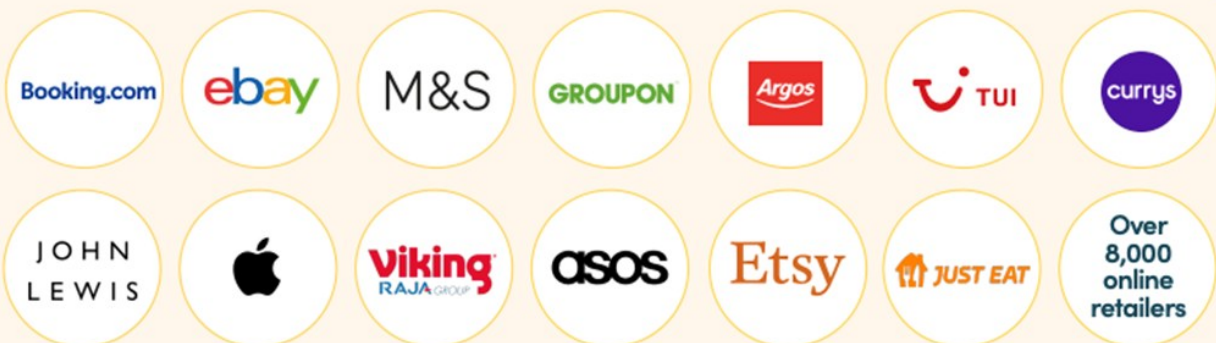
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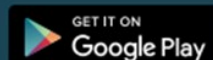
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<b>DATE LIST FOR SPRING TERM 2025</b>		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
17/2-21/2	Half-Term	
28/2	Meeting for Manor Adventure Residential Trip in June 2026 for the current Year 5 and Year 4 pupils	2.30pm
<b>MARCH</b>		
3/3	Pathways Assembly – parents are welcome	9.00am
3/3	Parents' Evening—no children allowed	3.00pm— 6.30pm
4/3	Parents' Evening—no children allowed	3.00pm— 5.30pm
5/3	Ash Wednesday Service in St. John's Church	2.00pm
6/3	World Book Day—Lunch Celebration	
18/3	Easter Experience—Ruby Class	11.30am
18/3	Easter Experience—Sapphire Class	1.30pm
18/3	Great Debate for Yr.5 & Yr. 6 pupils	4.00pm— 6.00pm
20/3	Easter Experience—Emerald Class	1.30pm
21/3	Easter Experience—Diamond Class	1.30pm
26/3	Final Swimming Session for Diamond Class	
26/3	Easter Concert for EYFS & KS1 in St. John's Church	2.00pm
31/3	After School Clubs finish for the Spring Term	
31/3	Collective Worship for parents of Emerald Class in the school hall	9.00am
<b>APRIL</b>		
1/4	Collective Worship for parents of Diamond Class in the school hall	9.00am
2/4	Collective Worship for parents of Sapphire Class in the school hall	9.00am
2/4	Easter Concert for KS2 in St. John's Church – Bishop Anderson attending with Stephen Taylor	2.00pm
3/4	Collective Worship for EYFS parents in Ruby Class	9.00am
4/4	Finish for the Easter holidays Reception Class to be collected at 12.45pm Sapphire Class to be collected at 12.50pm Diamond Class to be collected at 12.55pm Emerald Class to be collected at 1pm	
22/4	Start of the Summer Term	8.45am

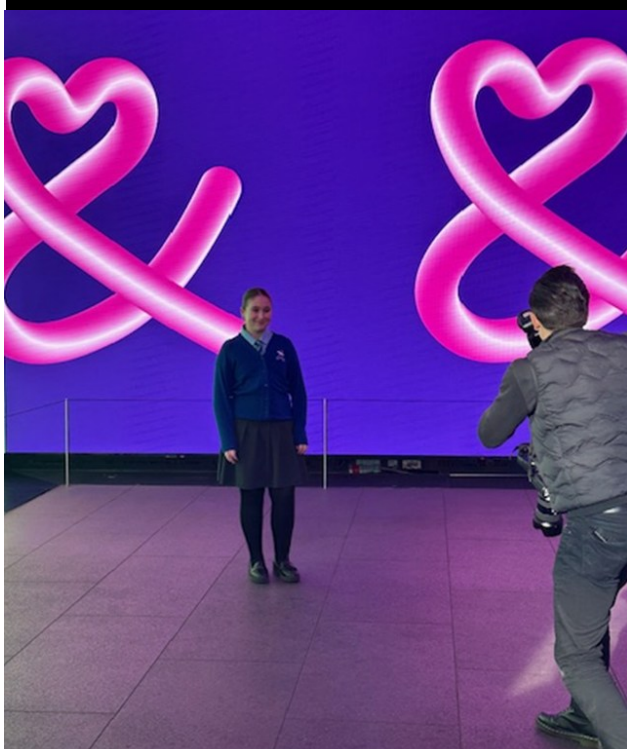
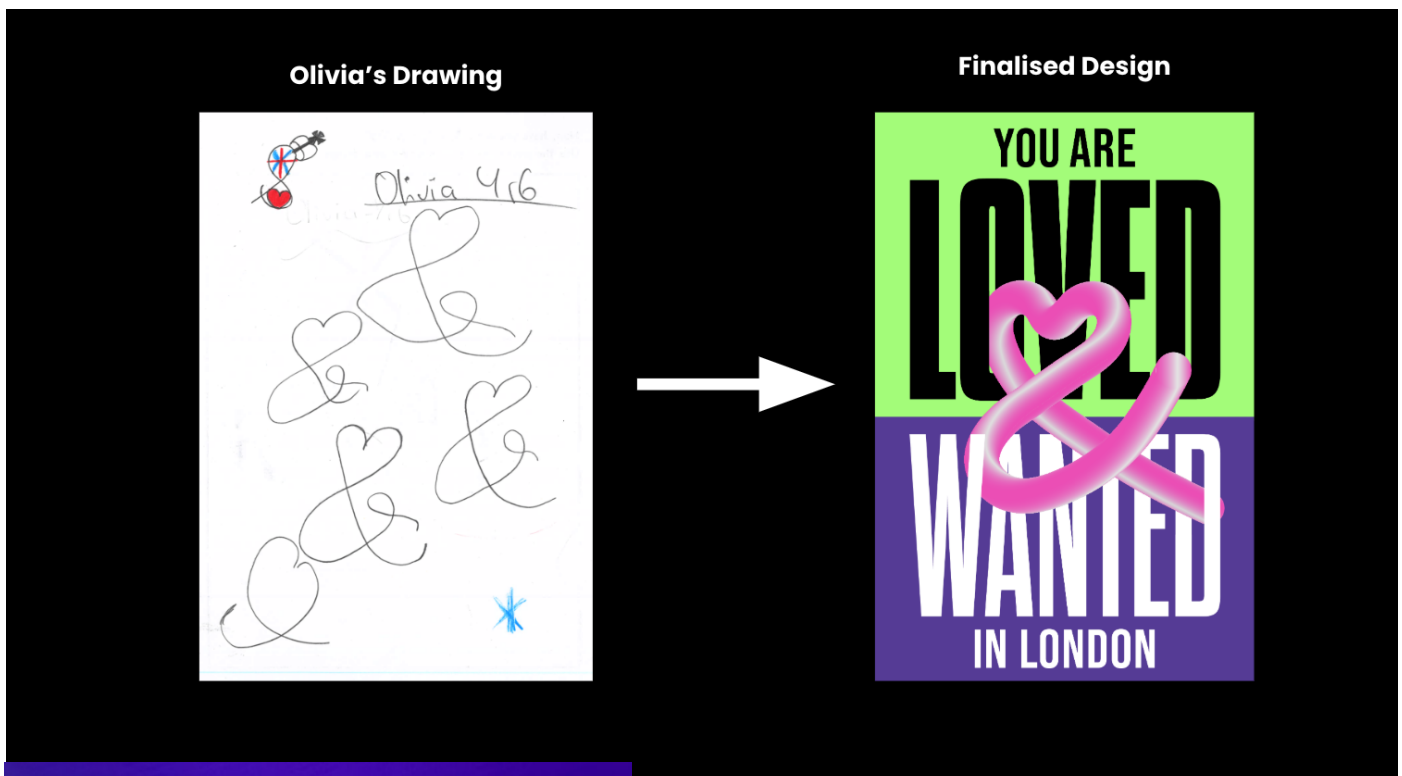
## Exciting news on the **Mayor of London Project**

Pupils in both Emerald & Diamond Class were invited by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan to participate in creating an ampersand that would be part of a very special poster.

One of the drawings created by Olivia in Year 6 was chosen by the Mayor of London office to be developed into the poster below.

Below is Olivia's original ampersand and how this has been used to create a very special poster to be displayed across London.

There's also going to be an official launch for the campaign in Tottenham Court Road, at the Outernet (link here: <https://www.outernet.com/attended> ) with the Mayor of London Sadiq today. This exhibition is going to run across February so do try and visit this over half-term so that you can admire Olivia's ampersand. Oliva's ampersand is going to be displayed across London, so do look out for it if you are in London.



WELL  
DONE  
OLIVIA!